

April 10, 1968

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held April 10, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room.

Members present: Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Howard V. Hummer, Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: Mrs. Gloria Greenblatt, observer from the League of Women Voters and Mr. James Hammond, architect.

President of the Board, Rabbi Weiner, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved as received.

Financial statements for the General Operating Fund and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of March, 1968 were approved and accepted on motion by Mr. Kraft seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Hummer seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of thirteen thousand nine hundred ninety-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$13,993.39) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of March, 1968 was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Personnel appointments were discussed by the Librarian and the Board was informed of Mrs. Gladys Haggie's request for a short leave of absence.

Letters which had been received from Mr. Oswald Lowery and Mrs. Harriet Levy were read by the Librarian.

The Librarian informed the Board the new bookmobile had been returned to Wooster, Ohio for adjustments and replacements of unsatisfactory work.

The Librarian informed the Board that there have been many inquiries about what will be done with the old bookmobile including an offer of purchase. Due to the many repairs it needs, the Librarian said that she would hesitate to use

it through another winter. Discussion followed of using it throughout the summer, especially for good-will, etc. Another suggestion was that if it becomes necessary to remove the Technical Processes Department out of this building, the book-mobile may serve to transport books. Rabbi Weiner suggested consideration should be given first to whether the Library is interested in offering additional summer service; second, if it is desirable; and, third, if the Library can afford to pay the necessary maintenance. He also suggested that by the next meeting it should be determined how much it would cost to put the old one in condition for use this summer and contact the Park Board to see if it can be used in the parks for this summer only.

The Librarian distributed copies of two communiques from the North Suburban Library System concerning (1) a meeting on the District Library Law, and (2) Information on John Juergensmeyer, attorney for NSLS.

The Librarian reported that the Legislative Library Development Committee of the Illinois Library Association is contemplating asking for a contribution of \$25.00 from each Village Library in Illinois so ILA can accumulate approximately \$3,000 for legal services. Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That Miss Radmacher be authorized to act for the Library Board when requested to contribute \$25.00 to the Illinois Library Association.

All ayes.

The Librarian announced that the Illinois Public Library Trustees Conference will be held May 10 - 12 and distributed a memo on this. She also advised that a New Trustees Conference will be held some time in September.

A copy of the Skokie Fine Arts Festival program was distributed to each member and Mr. Kraft gave a verbal report.

Miss Radmacher reported on the plans for Sunday hours, and announced that April 21 will be the first Sunday the Library will be open. She discussed some of the problems arising and was advised by the Board to open as many departments

as she has personnel to man and to use her discretion concerning personnel matters.

Discussion was held of securing the services of Mrs. John Robling for public relations.

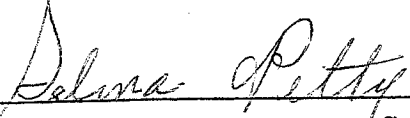
With regards to school and public library relations, the proposed meeting of the School and Public Library Boards was discussed. The Librarian stated she thought that it would be necessary to take district by district, at least the high school would cover a considerable area for discussion. Suggestion made that this be handled by continuing at the professional level and if this is unsatisfactory then have the two Boards meet. Since we are approaching the close of this school year, the Librarian recommended the meetings take place early in the fall of 1968. Extending school library hours will be one of the major points of discussion.

The Board was informed of the LACONI Dinner to be held April 25. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Daniel Fader.

The Librarian again reminded the Board of the ALA Conference to be held in Kansas City June 23 - 29, 1968.

Booklists distributed were: Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, March, 1968, and Home Reference Library - Suggested Selections.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m. and reconvened for an executive session for the discussion of real estate.

  
Selma Petty - Secretary

*Approved April 15, 1968*